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## LT. GOVERNOR NORTON RESPONDS TO OWENS' DECISION

(**DENVER**)- Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton today issued the following statement on Gov. Bill Owens' decision to not seek the United States Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell:

"Over the past five years Governor Owens has shown us time and again that he puts Colorado first. Today's announcement that he will forego an opportunity to run this year for the United States Senate is another demonstration of this leadership that the people of Colorado respect and admire.

"I also know the rigors of running for election statewide, and respect the Governor's statement that the time isn't right for him and his family to embark on another campaign.

"The Owens Administration has compiled an outstanding record on education, transportation, reducing the tax burden on Colorado families, and much more. I am proud to be part of the Owens team, and look forward to working closely with the Governor in the years ahead."